(b) if so, what steps are taken by Government to establish more gas based fertilizer industrial units;

(c) whether thert is any gas based fertilizer industrial unit in the southern States like Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Pondicherry;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what steps are being taken by Government to establish gas based fertilizer industries in south-States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE. MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) It is a fact that a gas based fertilizer plant gives lowest cost of production as compared to plants based on other feedstocks like coal, naphtha, fuel oil etc.

(b) to (e) Subject to availability of gas, a few projects for setting up gas-based plants have been identified for implementation during the Eighth Plan. Except in Andhra Pradesh, where a major gas-based fertilizer plant is presently under implementation in Kakinada, there are no gas based fertilizer plants in other Southern States: Similar projects in other Southern States can be taken up when gas availability is confirmed.

Setting up of new Oil Refinery

@1467. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new modern integrated solvent extraction and oil refinery project is being set up in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including its location, cost, production capacity and date of commencement and completion?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) In do far as the vegetable oil sector is concerned the activity relating to setting up of new modern integrated solvent extraction and oil refinery project is delicensed. Any way, no such proposal has been received in this Ministry.

(b) Does not arise.

आदिवासियों के लिए उचित दर की दुकानें

*1468. श्री शिव प्रसाद जनपरिया : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सुनिश्चित किया गया है कि सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली को नया रूप देने के पश्चात् प्रत्येक ग्राम पंचायत क्षेत्र के मुख्यालय में उचित दर दुकानें खोल कर वितरण की व्यवस्था की जा रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि सूखाग्रस्त पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों में रहने वाले आदिवासी अभी भी इस वितरण व्यवस्था के लाभों से वंचित तथा उन्हें इन क्षेत्रों में 15–15 किलो मीटर दूर तक भटकने के बाद भी इन दुकानों से अनाज नहीं मिल पाता ;

(ग) क्या सरकार उपभोक्ताओं को वितरण व्यवस्था के लाभों से वंचित करके लाभ कमाने में लगी हुई इन वितरण एजेंसियों के विरुद्ध दण्डात्मक कार्यवाही करेगी ; और

(घ) जवाहर रोजगार योजना के अन्तर्गत अब तक कितनी पंचायतों में दुकानें खोलने के प्रावधान का अनुपालन/कार्यान्वयन किया गया है तथा इसका राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है ?

नागरिक आपूर्ति और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) और (ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार